

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments, and the arguments that follow, applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Specification

As requested by the Examiner, on the first page of the specification Patent No. "5,8876,964" has been amended to Patent No. "5,876,964."

Rejection of Claims 10, 11, 13-15 and 18 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, for Alleged Lack of Written Description

The pending claims have been amended to recite that the claimed proteins are encoded by nucleic acid molecules that hybridize to the complement of SEQ ID NO:1, or to the complement of SEQ ID NO:10, under defined hybridization and wash conditions. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims adequately describe the claimed subject matter. Removal of this basis for claim rejection is respectfully requested.

Support for the amended claims is found in the specification at least in the paragraph bridging pages 44 and 45, and in the paragraph bridging pages 46 and 47. Support for new Claim 43 is found in the specification at page 44, lines 2-5. Support for new Claim 44 is found in the specification at page 44, lines 30-34.

Rejection of Claims 11 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as Being Allegedly Indefinite

In view of the foregoing claim amendments, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 11 and 13-17 for alleged indefiniteness is now moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

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